

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

WORKSESSION NOTES

October 15, 1998

A Worksession of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, October 15, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Fortier, Kristie Harless, Bob Hornkohl, John Lakos, John Serocki, Tony Slawinski, Roger Yoder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Fatke, Cyndy Fuller

OTHERS PRESENT: Sid Scrimger (Fire Chief), Jon Rose (Community Development Officer), and Denise Mikula (City of Manistee)

Worksession began at 7:02 p.m.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL CITIZENRY:

None

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Master Plan - Survey

One of the items needed for updating the Master Plan is a citizen survey. The City of Manistee has been doing a citizen survey every five years since 1988. The last survey was done in 1993 and it is time for another survey. A copy of the 1993 survey was reviewed by the committee.

The Planning Commission discussed soliciting Requests for Proposals for both a citizen survey and updating the Master Plan. Jon Rose was asked to prepare the RFP. A list will be prepared with the help of MSPO, MML and will also be advertised locally. Hopes are to have the proposals returned in time for the December meeting.

City owned property - Sixth Avenue

The City owns vacant property on Sixth Avenue. The Planning Commission approved a request in November 1997 to sell and trade property with Mrs. Field who owns adjacent property to eliminate an encroachment problem. The Planning Commission discussed possible uses for the property.

This item was table until the November Worksession to get further information on location of utilities, determining how much property is actually buildable, and to locate easements and utilities on the property.

All the members have been asked to do a site inspection and will review the property prior to the next worksession.

Height Limitations

The Zoning Board of Appeals has asked that the Planning Commission review the height limitation in the industrial districts. The Planning Commission reviewed a listing prepared by the County Planning Office showing all of the height restrictions in the County. A list of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for 1997 and 1998 were reviewed showing the number of requests for height variances in the past two years.

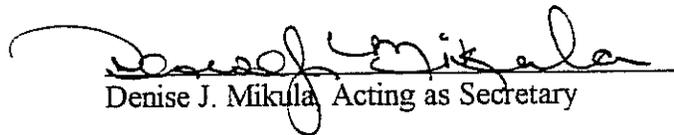
Sid Scrimger, Fire Chief reported on the abilities of the new ariel fire truck. The new truck has a ladder height of 70 feet if the truck can be placed on pavement 10 feet next to the building. The height of the ariel becomes less as the truck needs to be further from the building i.e. 50 ft height - 20 feet from building. Also the size of the building effects the abilities of the ariel. Using the Briny Inn as an example the ariel would have no problem covering the building. But, if the building were a long rectangular building with only one location at an end to place the truck it would be difficult to cover the entire building.

The Planning Commission asked that Jon Rose, Kurt Schindler, Sid Scrimger and the City Attorney review draft language for a future worksession. Jon Rose will also review language to allow an increase in the roof pitch for accessory structures for aesthetic purposes with the sidewalls remaining 10 feet high.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion the worksession closed at 8:35 p.m.

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Denise J. Mikula Acting as Secretary